Photo History

From December 2024

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Cover Picture

This is Barrowell Green Swimming pool where we enjoyed many a summer- This photo is from the 1920's (even before my time) It closed in 1979 Sadly, and ironically it is now the council rubbish tip (aka The recycling centre)

It seems that Lynn and I are constantly 'doing something' and our diaries are always so full y=that sometimes arrangements with friends seem to be for a long time ahead...but we both love this constant activity and while we have the strength we will continue.

These volumes show our life but possibly are bit light on politics and world situation. Israel & Gaza seemed to have taken my advice and called a truce but it is poised on a knife edge and it is difficult to foresee what will happen after this. Two recent aid convoys had been looted by armed Gaza gangs near the Kerem Shalom crossing and called on Israel to maintain law and order. A notorious Gazan criminal family later blocked the main road leading away from Kerem Shalom for two days, erecting iron barriers and reportedly firing on lorries trying to access an aid distribution point. It is interesting that world media do not pick up on this however.

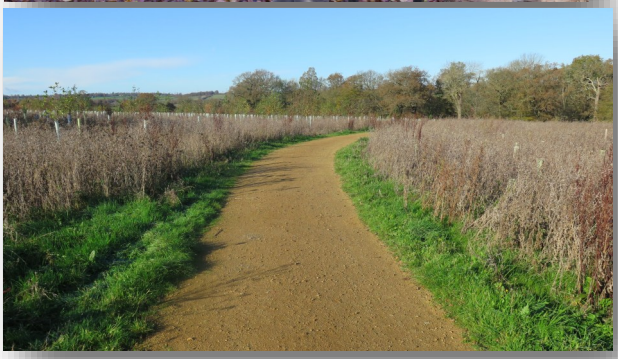
Russia carried out "a series of air strikes" in Syria on Sunday as rebels advanced after seizing Aleppo, according to the UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR). Five people were killed in a strike on a hospital in Aleppo, while a strike inside the north-western city of Idlib killed eight civilians and wounded more than 50, SOHR said. The Syrian government has meanwhile lost control of Aleppo for the first time since the country's civil war began, the observers told news agency AFP. The war in Syria has for the past four years felt as if it were effectively over.

There is a lot more world-wide news but I guess here is not the right place to display it

However, a small insignificant Scottish piece of news just emerged...Behind a door deep within the lower floors of the National Library of Scotland lies a forgotten street which gives a glimpse of how Edinburgh looked centuries ago. Libberton's Wynd, in the heart of the old city, was demolished to make way for George IV Bridge in the 1830s – but part of the street still remains. It can be found between the bridge walls and the library building, with access through a hidden door. The corridor – which has been named The Void by library staff – is not open to the public, but BBC Scotland News has been allowed to see inside. It was discovered by library officials in the 1990s when they broke down a small hatch on a wall behind filing cabinets, then crawled through it. They found a passage with arches into chambers and rooms which are thought to have once been storage in the bridge.

In Late November I walked on The Enfield Chase with Gerald and we were really lucky with the weather. Parking in Trent Park, we walked past the moat and crossed Hadley Road where I proudly saw that the new refuge/crossing making the footpath crossing less of a fatal accident waiting to happen. Many of our planted trees have succeeded and in some areas it is already obvious how the wooded area will look in the future so that is so encouraging. Another positive sign is the number of people walking with friends and dogs and cycling and families already using it . Such a great feeling seeing that The Enfield Chase now on 'people's radar'

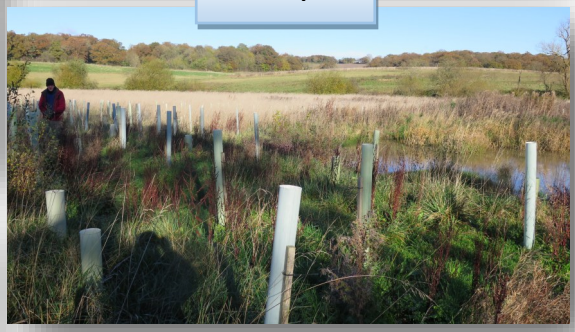
Gerald checking out the 'moat' info in Trent Park



The Enfield Chase

The new path construction..leading from Botany Bay Farm down to the path

On the path



This perfect spot is where we planted the three oak trees in memory of Arnon, Ben and David and one for Peace (and they are doing well)

A tiny snowfall and Lynn dragged me across to the park. She loves snow and I actually hate it so when we got there and saw this poor display I could only remark "well Lynn was this really worth it?"

The politically correct society we now live in would certainly prefer no comment by this pub sign in this lane on our 'Lad's Walk'

This is the third year that all the early swimmers enjoyed our Xmas lunch together. It is no problem organizing it and Roy and Lynn ran the raffle and collected £90.00 for St Mungo's charity.

It was great fun as the smiles show

Swimmers (and partners) Xmas Lunch—Nov'24

Klaudiusz

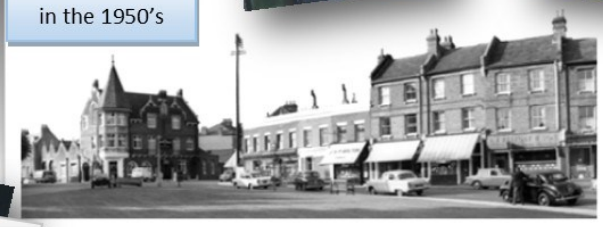
Marek

Peter

Arun

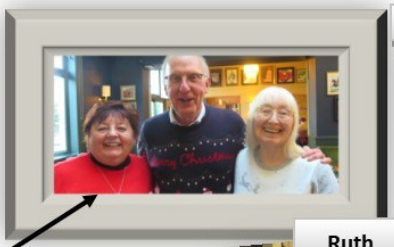
Ralph

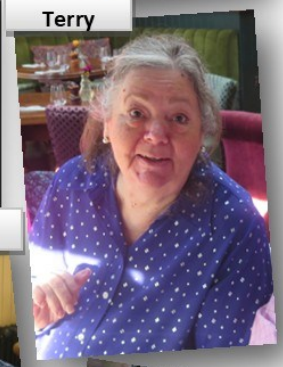
The King's Head in the 1950's



Paul

Sandra




Terry

Joint Winners of The Beautiful Xmas Jumper Competition

Chris

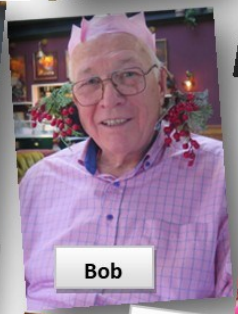
Lynn

Ruth

Danielle

Mark

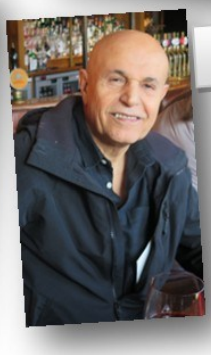
Paul


Bob

Kathy

Roy

Sue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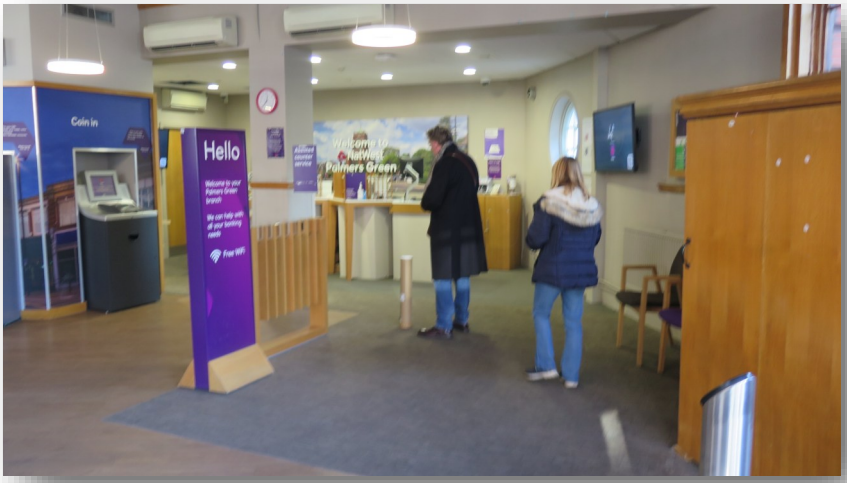
Michael



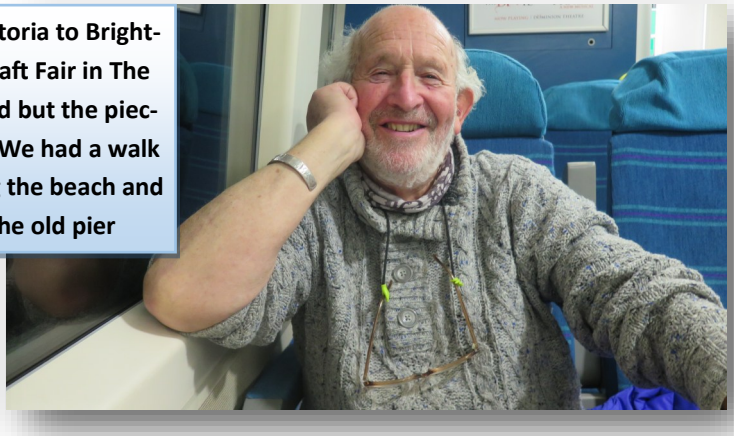
It is very obvious that the days of High Street Banks are numbered so I have included these photos from November 2024 in the Nat West in Palmers Green.

Numerous self-service cash and account service points have replaced the cashiers (only one was still in attendance) Guess that's progress??

The Lad's monthly walk from the John Bunyan pub at Brockets Green.. A lovely sunny but muddy walk in Dec '24

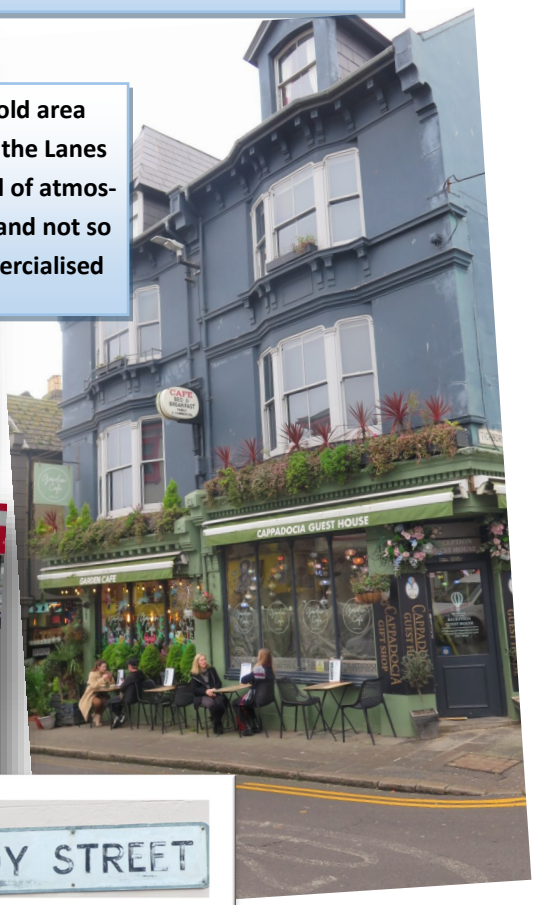
Brick Lane Graffiti and 'tools of the trade'

We took a train from Victoria to Brighton to visit The Made Craft Fair in The Pavilion. It was very good but the pieces were very expensive. We had a walk through The Lanes, along the beach and saw the remains of the old pier



The tube was not running due to weekend engineering works. We should have checked and had to take two rail Replacement buses then a tube before getting to Victoria (and missing our train by a few minutes)

The old area above the Lanes was full of atmosphere and not so commercialised



Frederick Street

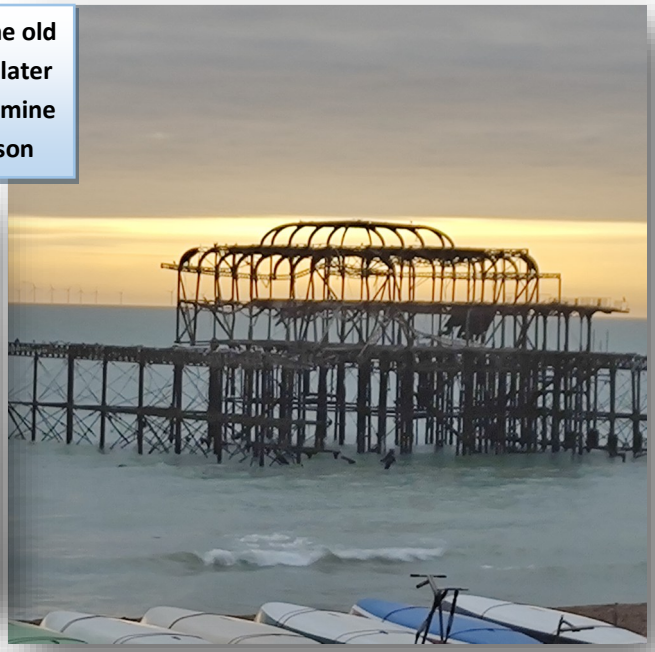
The renovated original courtyard between the Pavilion and The Stables

The Pavilion Gardens

The Observation Tower (i360 at 450 ft) was an attraction we had not seen before

The UK's first upside-down house where you can walk on the ceiling (should you actually want to)

Somehow the sky and the ruin of the old pier gave me some great shots. On later pages I have some original shots of mine from February 2003 as a comparison



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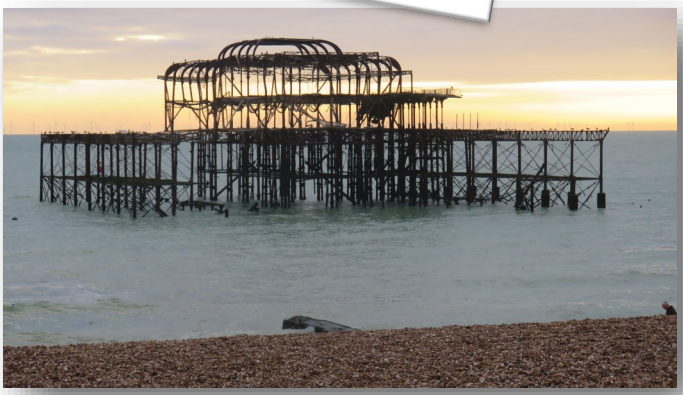
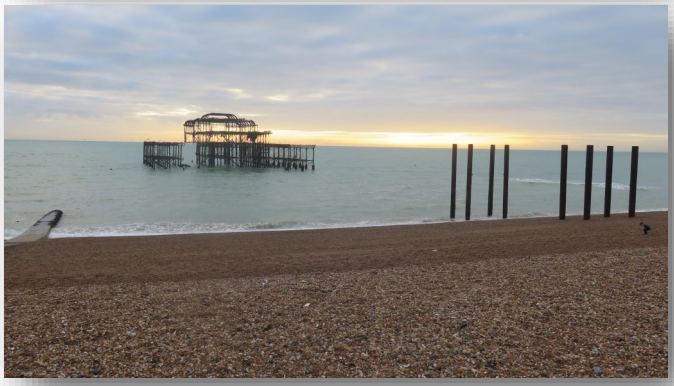
The pigeons below may even be relatives of the old ones

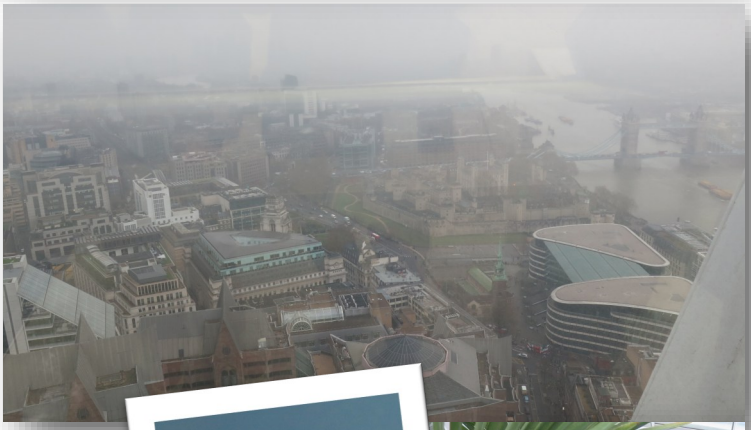
How time flies...these shots were taken over 20 years ago





Enjoying reading the paper on the first stage of the convoluted journey home

December 2024 Lynn and I booked 'free' tickets to see the Sky Garden , on the 43rd floor of The Walky Talky building in Fenchurch Street) It is actually higher than the London Eye but as it was a bit misty some of the distant views were hard to see.



Leadenhall Market

Originally a meat, game and poultry market, it stands on what was the centre of Roman London

The colour shots are now (December

And the sepia shots are Lynn at the same place in 1967

And of course as soon as I dredge up the old shots, we find more that remind us of a distant, distant past

Our pale blue MGB in Scotland

And one of my favourite shots from 1967 (Lynn aged 22)

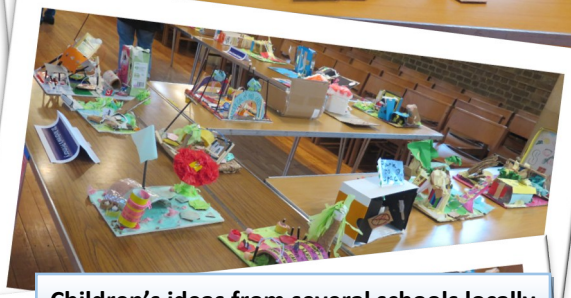
...sorry about that little bit of nostalgia..

Dana, Vivy's grandaughter

Hard to believe that these four girls are schoolfriends

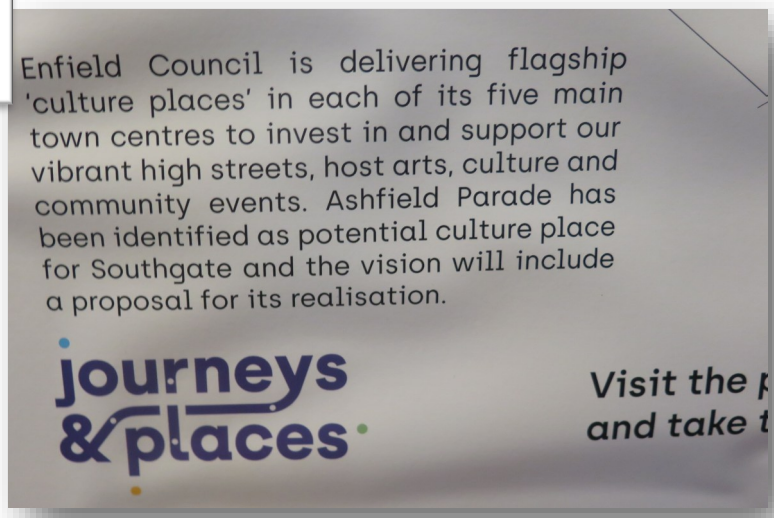
Left to right: Vivy (birthday girl, Norma, Lynn and Elaine

Open City Exhibition at Southgate



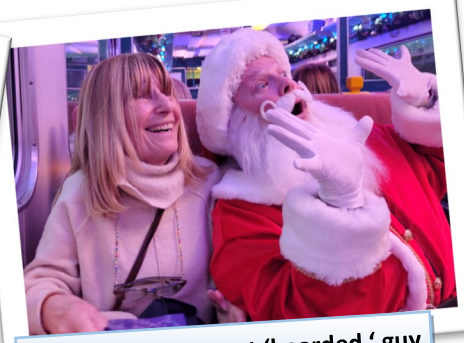
Children's ideas from several schools locally

Dan caught with her dunkin' biscuit



Our hot chocolate

The hobo on the roof



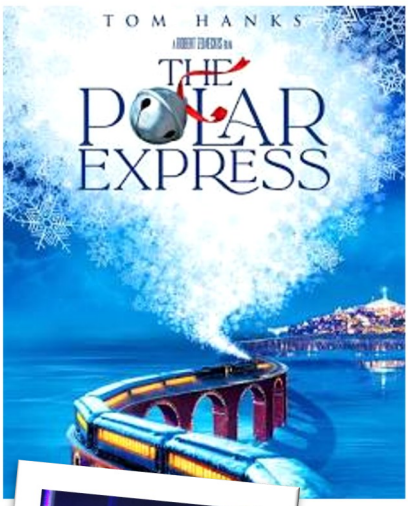
Lynn with a different 'bearded ' guy

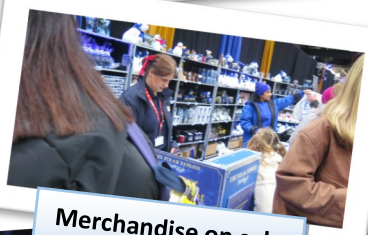
Families came in their pyjamas

The steam engine

The crowds boarding the train

Lynn with her 'punched' golden ticket





Merchandise on sale

Tammy treated us to the Polar Express Experience and it was fun from start to finish (despite us being probably the only adults without children)

The conductor

The wonderful singers on stage on the platform

With our 'Polar Express' cookies

Tomorrow, I'm having a small operation on my foot so probably this will be the last Photo History for a short while as I may not be able to walk easily so I may be housebound. "Poor Lynn"..I hear you say

No idea what the significance of this painting is at all…..just seemed a good way to end this volume